

INTEREST STRONG IN LIGHT TRACTOR

Champaign Demonstration Indicates
Desire for Machine Operated
By One Man.

MAY MAKE IT AN ANNUAL AFFAIR

Former Vice President Fairbanks and
U. S. Senator Sherman Among
the Spectators.

Champaign, Ill., Aug. 6.—The first heat of the Corn Belt Tractor derby was run off successfully yesterday when 40 machines contested on a 40-acre field, while 7,000 farmers from all over the middle west watched the performance with deep interest.

Each tractor was allotted a path and the manufacturers and engineers were as excited as the auto "speed kings" before an international race. Crowds followed the machines and examined the furrows. Although the field was wet and no time had been given to mow off the weeds, the tractors performed their tasks successfully.

The tests of the small tractors were especially noted. Orders, which had been slow before, began to pour in last night, and it is asserted that the tractor men will find the corn belt a fruitful field as a result of the demonstration.

The small tractor will be the machine of the corn belt," said Raymond Olney in an address at the university. "The time is close at hand when tractors will be on practically every farm in Illinois. The business is still

in an experimental stage and the manufacturers are looking for improvements. Practically all the makes have their advantages. What is most needed for Illinois is a tractor to require the attention of but one man."

Professor F. W. White of the University of Wisconsin quoted statistics showing the advantages of the tractor over the horse. He said that if the full power of a country's horses is in use now the demand for deeper furrows and other heavier work will make the animals inadequate. He gave numerous figures which tended to show that the tractor is a great money saver.

Will Be Annual Affair.

It was practically determined by the 31 tractor makers here to make the Champaign demonstration an annual affair for the corn belt.

Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis, former vice president, who has much high priced corn belt land, followed the demonstration with close interest. Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman was another spectator. Both were guests of Representative William B. McKinley, but it was asserted there was no political significance to the affair.

DEEP-SEA HOTEL IN NEW YORK TO CLOSE

New York, Aug. 6.—Warning that the oldest hotel in New York will be closed on Aug. 28, when more than 50 working girls are to be sent ashore from the ship Jacob A. Stambler today caused much unhappiness among the occupants of the floating hotel. A notice posted on the bulletin board on the Stambler's deck read that Arbuckle's deep sea hotel company has decided to retire from the hotel business and will serve no meals after Aug. 28.

For years the Stambler has been a home for girls employed in shops and stores at a rent to them varying from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a week. Many of them earned only \$4 a week, and 14 of the girls are now unemployed.

The city fire department had ordered changes to be made in the Stambler and it was said that the company did not wish to go to the expense of making them. The old ship, built in 1887, was purchased by John Arbuckle in 1901 and for several years has been moored at a pier in the East river as a home for girls.

Eagles Plan to Spread.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 6.—The appropriation of \$100,000 to be used in the extension of field work was recommended by a committee at today's business session of the grand order, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in convention here. Particular attention was directed to the strengthening of series in the smaller towns.

CHECKER EXPERTS TO CONTEST HERE

State Tournament Will Be Held In
Rock Island, Sept. 4, 5 and 6, at
Colonial Hotel.

LOCAL CLUB ARRANGING FOR IT

Big Entry List Is Promised, With a
Dozen or So Home Players Ap-
pearing as Contenders.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the Illinois state checker tournament in this city, Sept. 4, 5 and 6. The local checker association has secured room 329 at the Colonial hotel for the session, and it is expected that experts from all over the state will be here to participate.

At least five contestants will come from Chicago, as well as others from Moline, Danville, Gibson City and Warsaw.

Many Local Entrants.

Among the local players who will be in action are Valentine, Apple, Arnold, Stone, McLean, Rice, Olson, Regan, Bruner and Buckert, all of whom have established reputations for cleverness at the game. Moline will also be well represented.

Those in the city who intend to play are requested to hand their names to Johnny Jones, who is in charge of the entry list.

PATTERSONS ARE TO FLY IN CITY

Promoter Flynn Closes Contract With
Famous Troupe for August 14-15
at Exposition Park.

Promoter Dan Flynn has succeeded in securing the famous Patterson aviators for a series of flights at Exposition park, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14 and 15. These birdmen will present their famous "battle in the sky," which has attracted so much attention throughout the country. The press comments that have been made elsewhere, testify to the sensational nature of these flights.

At Flint, Mich., recently the show was staged especially for the Universal film company and photographers representing many other publications were on hand to get snapshots of the thrilling air battle. The program includes the sham battle in the air be-

tween two aeroplanes, and spectacular aerial diving and bomb throwing by the aviators. The Patterson aviators have played many of the biggest state fairs in the country and their performances have been a success everywhere.

The Rock Island promoters will make an effort to induce the local company of the state militia to participate in the battle and to assist from the ground the defending machine in repelling the invading aeroplane.

Special features are to be presented on both days of the meet. On Saturday, John Stohl, the Genesee wrestler, will agree to throw five opponents within an hour's time or forfeit \$50. On Sunday, the added attraction will be Ward's horse show, one of the most entertaining exhibitions of its kind now being presented anywhere.

FLOOD SCARE IN ERIE IS REVIVED

Heavy Rainfall During Night Alarms
Inhabitants, But They Find Their
Fears Unfounded.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 6.—Troopers of the state constabulary patrolled the flood section today, enforcing strictly the regulations of the Pennsylvania health authorities and the Erie council, while increased forces of workers in their search for bodies, went forth into the great masses of wreckage, piled along Mill creek by Tuesday night's flood.

Three hundred additional workmen were placed on the streets today and the piles of demolished buildings were attacked vigorously under the direction of engineers who have volunteered their services to the city. It was expected that considerable headway would be made before midnight, as the city authorities planned to add full 1,000 men to the working force.

Intense excitement was occasioned before midnight, when, after a heavy rainfall, a man ran along Fourth and Fifth streets shouting "Look out, another flood is coming."

Scores of frightened men and women caught up their children and ran into the streets, spreading the alarm until that section of the city was filled with people hurrying toward higher ground. A squad of policemen was hurried to the scene and restored quiet.

Efforts to relieve distress continue with great success. A citizens' committee has been formed to care for those in actual want and more than 400 were fed in the rescue station on State street during the night, while preparations were made to serve breakfast for many more. The armory housed many of the homeless during the night, while private houses cared for many others.

Mayor Stern's relief fund continued to grow, having passed \$140,000 early in the day.

The Erie real estate board has completed the list of vacant houses that will be placed at the disposal of persons who lost their homes. Other charitable committees collected bedding and cooking utensils and it was said that before night several hundred of the destitute would be comfortably housed.

Ten funerals were scheduled for today and a number for tomorrow. Six of the 15 persons reported missing have been located and their names taken from Coroner Hanley's list.

COE.

Albert and Louis Relling were in Rock Island on business last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eipper and children were Sunday guests at the home of L. G. Aehdown and wife.

Misses Jennie Hahn and Dorothy Guthrie of Erie, are visiting a few days at the home of Fred Fillmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerkin and little son Glen, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heron.

Mr. and Mrs. Eipper and sons were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Maria Liphardt near Hillsdale.

Misses Hazel and Bertha McConnell returned home from California where they have been visiting relatives and attending the Frisco fair.

The ladies of Bethel Aid will give an ice cream social on the church lawn Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Waldo Lee is quite ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sample were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nickelson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mahstedt and daughter Lucy were in Erie on business last Monday.

Louis Eipper and wife were in Davenport last Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farber and little son Alvin of East Moline, visited over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashdown welcomed a fine little son to their family circle last Wednesday, whose name will be Lester Harland.

Quite a large crowd attended the picnic at Fairfield of the Farmers' Improvement League. All enjoyed the lectures given by Dr. Coffee and Mr. Eckhardt. A large crowd would have attended had it not been for rain and muddy roads. Miss Lou Harris failed to come and the ladies were disappointed.

Monday August 9, the Lincoln Chautauqua begins a six day program. There will be fine lectures, musical programs and the celebrated Brooks band.

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Dirt Plugs Up Intake Pipes at Math-
erville, Causing Tie Up on the
Interurban.

With the exception of one through car, traffic on the north line of the Rock Island Southern Interurban railway was tied up yesterday morning and part of the afternoon because of difficulties at the power house in Matherville. The service was resumed after 2:30.

The difficulty at the power plant was discovered yesterday morning when it was found that the intake pipes had been plugged up with mud, which had been drawn in from the Edwards river bed, and that it was impossible to get water into the boilers under those conditions. A gang of employees immediately started to work forcing out the huge quantities of mud in the pipes, and by noon the job was practically completed.

But one car went over the line yesterday morning, it arriving in Moline from Rock Island at 10 o'clock.

It was taken back by a steam engine. Despite rumors that have been current the past few days to the effect that the roadbed has not been in the best of condition because of recent heavy rains, officials of the road state that on the contrary everything is in good condition and that when the difficulties at the power house in Matherville are fixed up, the entire plant will be in first class shape.

MILAN TOWN HALL AS SCHOOL THIS WINTER

School will be held in Milan this fall and early winter in the town hall. This temporary arrangement has been made necessary by the condemnation of the old building by an assistant in the state fire marshal's office as unsafe and insanitary.

The village will vote Aug. 14 on a bond issue for a new school building. It is proposed to raise \$5,200 by this means, payable at the rate of \$1,000 a year and bearing 6 per cent interest.

Another Patent for Dooley.

(Special to The Argus.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—A patent has just been granted to H. L. Dooley of Rock Island on a seeder, or dropping mechanism for corn planters.

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